
Site Address: Trees r/o 3 Queens Road, Waterloo, PO7 7SB
Proposal: Fell 1No. Beech and reduce back to rear boundary of 3 Queens Road, 2No. Lime, 1No. Pine, 1No. Yew and 1No. Ash, within the curtilage of Park Wood and subject to W1 of TPO 1092.
Application No: APP/15/00809
Applicant: Mr Cook
Agent: Mr Trowell
Ward: Waterloo
Expiry Date: 15/09/2015
Team: Team 2
Case Officer: Jamie Gargett
N J Trowell

Recommendation: **GRANT TPO CONSENT**

1 Site Description

Large garden area to a residential dwelling with an office unit.

2 Planning History

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3 Proposal

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4 Policy Considerations

Havant Borough Local Plan (Core Strategy) March 2011

DM8 (Conservation, Protection and Enhancement of Existing Natural Features)

Listed Building Grade: Not applicable.

Conservation Area: Not applicable.

5 Statutory and Non Statutory Consultations

6 Community Involvement

This application was publicised in accordance with the Council's Code of Practice for Publicity of Planning Applications approved at minute 207/6/92 (as amended), as a result of which the following publicity was undertaken:

Number of neighbour notification letters sent: 8

Number of site notices: Not applicable.

Statutory advertisement: Not applicable.

Number of representations received: 1

Summary: There is no reason for the trees to be reduced or felled.

Comment: The reductions applied for is to cut back to the boundary which is seen as reasonable under common law, The tree highlighted for removal is in severe decline and a replacement sought.

7 Planning Considerations

- 7.1 Having regard to the relevant policies of the development plan it is considered that the main issues arising from this application are:

Whether the degree of pruning works requested would undermine the amenity value of these trees and whether this could also be harmful to their ongoing health and vitality.

My inspection related specifically to assessing the proposed works rather than generally inspecting the tree's health and condition in any great detail. I visually inspected the tree from ground level and the following report deals with the relevant issues that have been raised on site, in the application form and from my site observations.

The trees subject of this application overhang into the applicants garden, it is considered reasonable management practice to laterally reduce these trees so as to alleviate the encroachment.

The Beech to be felled is a very poor specimen in decline that should be removed for arboricultutural reasons.

8 Conclusion

Recommend permission.

9 RECOMMENDATION:

That the Executive Head of Planning and Built Environment be authorised to **GRANT TPO CONSENT** for application APP/15/00809 for the following reasons/subject to the following conditions

- 1 The tree works for which consent is hereby granted shall not be carried out otherwise than in full accordance with all relevant content of BS 3998 (2010).
Reason: In the interests of tree health and safety.

- 2 The tree pruning/surgery for which consent is hereby granted shall not exceed the following: Fell 1No. Beech and reduce back to rear boundary of 3 Queens Road, 2No. Lime, 1No. Pine, 1No. Yew and 1No. Ash, within the curtilage of Park Wood and subject to W1 of TPO 1092.
Reason: To safeguard the health and well being of the tree(s) and its/their importance in the local landscape.
- 3 The tree works for which consent is hereby granted shall be carried out and completed no later than 15/9/16
Reason: To control the timing of the works
- 4 The Beech to be felled shall be replaced by a Beech to be planted in a position as near as practicable to the position of the tree to be felled and at a height of at least 2m metres when such replacement planting is carried out.
Reason: To conserve and safeguard the visual amenities of the locality.